more suspects were arrested later. On November 25, 2009, the Government of Pakistan reportedly filed a charge sheet in an Anti Terrorism Court in Pakistan against the seven suspects and 20 proclaimed offenders for their role in the terrorist attack on Mumbai.

Government has conveyed its concerns and expectations to Pakistan on several occasions, including at the highest level in the meetings of Prime Minister with President and Prime Minister of Pakistan and in the meetings between EAM and Foreign Minister of Pakistan. Pakistan has stated that it will bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack to justice. Government expects Pakistan to act with purpose against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack as also to unearth the wider conspiracy which motivated, planned and launched the attack.

International passport for haj pilgrims

3136. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made international passport mandatory for Haj pilgrims in place of temporary passport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is also aware that Haj pilgrims were forced by regional passport offices to grease their palm for their international passport;

(d) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard till date during last one year, State-wise;

(e) the efforts made/proposed to be made to redress the plights of poor Haj pilgrims; and

(f) the other steps Government has taken for their convenience and to facilitate the Haj pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) In accordance with the decision of the Government of Saudi Arabia conveyed to the Government of India, all Haj pilgrims were required to travel on international passports, from Haj-2009 onwards.

(c) and (d) No complaint of this nature was received.

(e) Government of India issued guidelines to all the Passport Offices after consultation with the Haj Committee of India and State Haj Committees to ensure that no Haj pilgrim faces any hurdle in obtaining his/her passport to undertake the pilgrimage. All passport offices were instructed that the Haj passports should be handed over to the Haj pilgrims / Haj Committee within the due date stipulated by the Committee to ensure that no Haji faced any difficulty in undertaking the pilgrimage.

(f) The Government of India makes arrangements to facilitate the pilgrims going to Saudi Arabia through the Haj Committee of India and facilitates provision of accommodation and other logistical support for them. For efficient management and supervision of Haj arrangements, a large

contingent of seasonal local staff, supervisors, data entry operators, drivers and messengers are appointed by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah. In addition, Doctors, Nurses and other paramedical staff, Coordinators, Assistant Haj Officers, Haj Assistants and Khadim-ul-Hujjaj are sent from India on short-term deputation to Saudi Arabia. A hospital in Makkah and branch offices-cum-dispensaries in Makkah and Madina are set up for Haj pilgrims. Medicines provided at these dispensaries and hospital are supplied from India and also procured locally. The government makes arrangements for providing polio, meningitis and influenza vaccinations for the pilgrims. The Haj Committee of India provides to the pilgrims information regarding confirmation of their seats, travel documents, transportation etc. The Government has taken a number of decisions to streamline the functioning of Private Tour Operators so that they provide proper services and facilities for the pilgrims. For Haj - 2009, two more embarkation points, Mangalore and Ranchi, were added to the already existing 17 embarkation points across the country.

J & K issue in the Committee in UNGA

3137. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representative of Pakistan speaking at a special committee on the UN General Assembly (UNGA) again raised the issue of Decolonisation of Kashmir saying 'the decolonisation' agenda of the UN would be incomplete without resolution of the Jammu & Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, country's response thereto and the conclusion arrived at UN special committee?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Yes. On 9 October 2009, in the UN Special Political & Decolonisation Committee, Pakistan stated that the United Nations decolonisation agenda would be incomplete without resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. Rejecting Pakistan's contention, India exercised its right of reply and stated that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and Pakistan needs to dismantle its terrorism infrastructure. The Committee took no action in this matter.

Dalai Lama's visit to Arunachal Pradesh

†3138. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has imposed ban on foreign journalists to visit Tawang during Dalai Lama's visit of Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.